

Decision No. 12529.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
the SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY,
a corporation, for authority to dis-
continue service and suspend operation
and take up tracks on part of its
system.

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Application No. 5009
(Third Supplemental)
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Stanley T. Howe, Deputy City
Attorney, for the City of
San Diego.

BY THE COMMISSION,

O P I N I O N

Applicant, San Diego Electric Railway Company, a corporation, in accordance with its application amended at the public hearing, prays for an order of the Commission authorizing the discontinuance of service on its K Street Line from the intersection of 15th and K Streets along and upon K Street to the intersection of 25th and K Streets, all in the City of San Diego.

A public hearing on this application was conducted at San Diego by Examiner Handford, the matter was duly submitted and it is now ready for decision.

Authority for discontinuance of service is requested for the reason that the portion of the street car line herein proposed to be abandoned is located on an unpaved street, and the physical condition of the line is such that if operation is to be

continued practically an entire rehabilitation of the line will require to be made, the cost of reconstruction being estimated at \$33,660.00 if 60 pound rail and wooden ties are to be used, but if the present reconstruction standard of applicant is to be followed (which requires steel ties and 93 pound rail) the estimated cost of track reconstruction would amount to approximately \$42,760.00. Neither of the above estimates include paving which if required by the municipal authorities of the City of San Diego, would add an additional \$16,000.00 to the estimates heretofore given.

The abandonment of the line as herein requested will eliminate service now given for a distance of eight blocks on K Street and patrons formerly using such line will require to use cars operated on Imperial Avenue, 16th Street, Market Street or 25th Street but in no instance will it be necessary for any patron to walk a distance of more than 900 feet to secure service from the existing operative lines of the applicant. It is proposed to construct an extension of the so-called Market Street line from the intersection of 25th and Market Streets upon and along 25th Street to the intersection of 25th and K Streets, such line continuing over existing tracks along and upon 25th Street to Grant Avenue and extending to the terminus of the line at Woolman Avenue and 30th Street.

The proposed abandonment of line and extension of the Market Street line is in accordance with the general program of applicant company which was formulated in connection with Applications Nos. 3808 and 5009, and the Opinion of the Commission as appearing in Decision No. 6838, decided November 14, 1919, in which appeared the recommendation of this Commission's chief engineer and the apparent concurrence of the City of San Diego and the applicant to the elimination of the track for which abandonment is herein sought, as a portion of the elimination of duplicate facilities and unprofitable

service.

At the hearing on this proceeding there was no appearance in protest, although due notice was published and all interested parties were personally served with notices.

After full consideration of the evidence in this proceeding and in consideration of the fact that this is a matter arising from a recommendation of the Commission in its decision on Applications Nos. 5009 and 3808, as hereinabove referred to, and that no protest against the granting of the application was made at the hearing hereon, the application should be granted, and the order herein be effective when applicant will have completed and placed in operation as a portion of its Market Street line, the track construction on 25th Street from the intersection of 25th and Market to the intersection of 25th and K Streets connecting at the latter point with existing tracks now operative on 25th Street and thence on Grant and Woolman Avenues to a terminus at Woolman Avenue and 30th Street.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the matter having been duly submitted, the Commission being now fully advised and the matter being now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, San Diego Electric Railway Company, be and it is hereby authorized to suspend service and abandon its trackage now located on K Street from the intersection of 16th and K Street along and upon said K Street to the intersection of 25th and K Street, all in the City of San Diego.

This order shall become effective when applicant will have constructed and placed in operation an extension of its tracks on 25th Street from the intersection of 25th and Market Streets upon and along said 25th Street to the intersection of 25th and K Streets, and will have established service as an extension of its Market Street line along said 25th Street, Grant Avenue and Woolman Avenue to a terminus at the intersection of Woolman Avenue and 30th Street, all in the City of San Diego.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of August, 1923.

C. Cheney

Dwight Martin

J. T. Whitney
Commissioners